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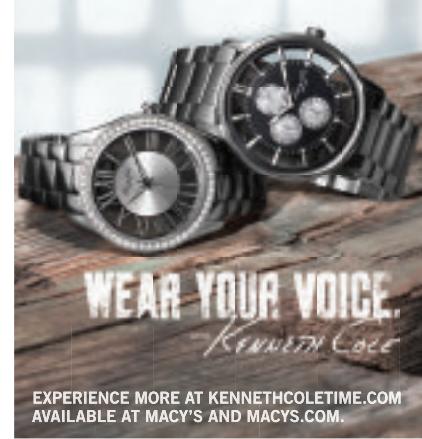
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In the news**AG investigates gouging, power companies**

NEW YORK. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said he told 13 gas-station operators of his intent to bring enforcement proceedings against them for price-gouging in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Schneiderman also has issued subpoenas to the Long Island Power Authority and ConEd. over their preparedness and response to the storm. **BLOOMBERG**

In the news**Cops bust accused laundry perv**

BROOKLYN. The NYPD arrested a man accused of sexually abusing two girls in the laundry room of a Jackson Heights apartment building. Mario Lopez, 52, of Brooklyn, is facing several charges, including sex abuse and burglary. Cops say he broke into the Queens building on the evening of Nov. 12. **METRO/DT**

President visits Staten Island to comfort victims after devastating Sandy

► Tours damage from Rockaways to Staten Island ► Speaks with locals who lost belongings ► Recognizes cop and parents who lost two sons



► President Barack Obama chats with residents as he visits Cedar Grove Avenue on Staten Island.

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Quoted: Obama

"Most of the folks that I met here have been here 20, 30, 50 years. They don't want to see their community uprooted, but there's got to be a plan for rebuilding ... and they're going to need resources."

"Across the board, what we've seen is cooperation and a spirit of service."



► Sen. Charles Schumer also joined Obama on the visit.

Obama recognizes effort of officer

Obama praised an NYPD officer, Lieutenant Kevin Gallagher, who he said helped the Moore family find their sons, and "and has been with them as a source of support ever since." He went on to say that the Moore family specifically asked him to recognize the officer, who he said went "above and beyond the call of duty to respond to people in need." He noted: "The Moores, even in their grief,

asked me to mention Lieutenant Gallagher, and that says something about them as well."

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People in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut have registered for FEMA assistance, according to the White House

to need resources."

He also met with Damien and Glenda Moore, whose two sons, Brandon and Connor, died when they were swept away by floodwaters.

"Obviously, I expressed to them — as a father, as a parent — my heartbreak over what they went through," he said. "And they're still obviously a little shell-shocked."

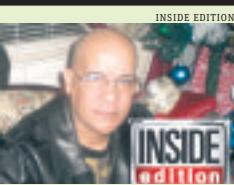
The White House said Obama assigned Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan to work with New York and New Jersey officials as they try to put cities back together.

Donovan used to be New York City's Department of Housing commissioner.

Quite a few officials were in town for his visit, including Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer.

Obama toured New Jersey on Halloween, but Bloomberg had politely declined an offer to come to the city as well.

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In the news**Patz suspect appears in court**

MANHATTAN. The man who confessed to the 1979 killing of 6-year-old Etan Patz made a brief court appearance Thursday, standing silently as a prosecutor told the judge that murder charges had been formally filed more than three decades after the child's disappearance. Pedro Hernandez, 51, did not enter a plea during the hearing in Manhattan, which lasted just minutes. His lawyer later told reporters that Hernandez was innocent and would eventually plead not guilty, despite the previous confession. Patz disappeared from a Manhattan street on May 25, 1979, on his first walk alone to the school bus stop. Hernandez confessed in May to luring the boy and strangling him. He had worked at a deli near the Patz home in the downtown Soho neighborhood in the late 1970s before moving to New Jersey. "Statements made by my client are not reliable. They are what we term false confessions," said attorney Harvey Fishbein, who has previously described Hernandez as suffering from schizophrenia. The hearing came a day after prosecutors announced a grand jury indictment against Hernandez that charged him with kidnapping and murder. **REUTERS**

Power company exec promoted in wake of storm

NEW YORK. The utility executive who oversaw the widely criticized efforts to restore power to millions of Long Island customers after super-storm Sandy has been promoted, his company said Wednesday. The announcement by National Grid that John Bruckner had been promoted came as an investigation into the handling of the recovery expanded amid lingering public anger over lengthy delays in restoring lights and heat. **REUTERS**

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Former manager sues Standard after labor

► Says she had to give birth in a hotel room without help ► Her lawyer accuses the hotel of denying her maternity leave ► She says she put in 80-hour weeks

A four-year employee of New York's Standard hotel is suing the swanky hot spot after she gave birth to her child in a guest room without medical assistance and claims she was denied maternity leave.

Tara Kimkee Tan is seeking at least \$10 million from the posh hotel above the High Line where she was a manager. According to the suit, Tan went into labor late on the night of April 30. She said she labored alone in a guest room without medical assistance for almost two hours until her daughter was born, as her husband desperately rushed there while on the phone with their doctor.

"At one point when she called the desk to get help, the response was, 'This is a joke, right?'" Tan's attorney, William Keith Watanabe, told Metro. "After the baby was delivered, Tara was removed from a side entrance because she couldn't have been taken through the lobby because it would have

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► Tara Kimkee Tan

disrupted the Friday party scene."

The suit also alleges Tan was denied maternity leave, despite putting in 80-hour work weeks, according to Watanabe. Tan also claims she was ridiculed by the general manager for giving birth inside a guest room.

She said she was fired in August when company officials told the petite Asian mother of two that she "did not fit the cul-

ture," which the suit describes as one that is young, hip and full of beautiful people. According to her attorney, hotel officials also suspected Tan of taking company property.

"She emptied out her office. After four years of practically living at the hotel, it was baby pictures, diapers, crayons, shoes — and that's what she removed," Watanabe said. "What else would she have in her office that was worth taking?"

Watanabe said Thursday the Standard hotel had not yet responded to the suit.

"Tara is a terrific person, there is no reason this should happen to anyone," he said. "She gave her heart and soul to this place."

The Standard hotel referred Metro to public relations agency Black Frame, which did not respond to requests for a comment.

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In the news

Former NY official gets parole date

NEW YORK. Former New York state comptroller Alan Hevesi will be out of prison by Dec. 19 after serving 19 months for a "pay-to-play" scheme at the state pension fund. A three-member board granted Hevesi parole after a hearing on Wednesday, acknowledging his "state of remorse," personal health and family issues. "The board concludes that you should continue to serve the balance of your sentence under community supervision," the Parole Board said. Hevesi, 72, was sentenced in April 2011 to two to four years in prison after pleading guilty to illegally receiving \$1 million in gifts. **REUTERS**

Art. Competition



► Kai Rivera won the Star of Tomorrow top prize.

SHAHAR AZRAN/WIREIMAGE

Talent competes at the Apollo

Break dancer Kai Rivera was one of many performers during the Apollo Theater's talent competition. The theater held its Apollo Super Top Dog Finale Wednesday, where people competed for a cash prize of \$10,000. Competitors included musicians, singers and dancers. ● METRO

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Man indicted in Fed Reserve Bank bomb plot

A Bangladeshi man has been indicted on charges of attempting to blow up the New York Federal Reserve Bank last month with what he believed was a 1,000-pound bomb, court papers made public Thursday show.

The grand-jury indictment charges Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis, 21, with one count of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and one count of attempting to provide material support to a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization, al Qaeda. He faces life in prison if convicted.

Nafis was arrested on Oct. 17 after pulling up to the Federal Reserve and attempting to detonate what he believed to be a van packed with explosives. **REUTERS**



Other targets

Nafis scouted out targets for a potential attack — including the New York Stock Exchange and a high-ranking government official identified as President Barack Obama — before settling on the Federal Reserve Bank in Manhattan.



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Carving ice at Columbus Circle

Canada wants you to visit. The country's tourism board is hoping to entice New Yorkers with Canadian-themed ice sculpting, which started yesterday outside the Time Warner Center, by Columbus Circle. Through Sunday, people can watch professional ice sculptors make holiday and Canadian-themed masterpieces from five 8-foot-tall chunks of ice. The ice crafting is inspired by Winterlude, a winter celebration in the United States' northern neighbor. **METRO**

In the news

Gagnam style in LI

LONG ISLAND. Move over, Psy. The next hot thing — at least on Long Island — is a music video parodying the South Korean rapper and dancer's blockbuster hit "Gangnam Style." While the locally produced "LI-PA Style" may not attract millions of YouTube views, it's channeling the frustration of thousands of disgruntled New Yorkers, many of whom went weeks without power after Sandy slammed the East Coast last month. "There's been this outpouring of thanks," said



John "Online" Mingione, a correspondent for a Long Island radio station, who created the video after going more than a week without power. The response to the cleanup by the Long Island Power Authority has resulted in lawsuits and investigations. **REUTERS**

Man killed in hit-and-run

WILLIAMSBURG. Police arrested a 27-year-old driver they said fled after hitting two people, killing one of them, Thursday morning. Cops charged Adam Recio with leaving the scene of an accident. According to the NYPD, Rau Delacruz, 35, and a 24-year-old woman were crossing the intersection of Keap Street and Boringen Road in Williamsburg around 5 a.m., when they were both struck by a 2004 Chevy Malibu. Both people were thrown in the westbound lane of traffic, where the man was hit again and came to rest under another car. Delacruz was pronounced dead at the scene and the woman was taken to Elmhurst hospital. **METRO/CN**

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In the news**Auditor: Changes needed in Penn State governance**

Pennsylvania's elected fiscal watchdog is calling for sweeping changes in the way Penn State University governs itself follow-



ing the child sexual abuse conviction of former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

The university should strip the president of some powers,

shrink the school's board of trustees and make the school more transparent to the public, Auditor General Jack Wagner said yesterday in a report offering nonbinding recommendations.

The university's image was tarnished by the Sandusky scandal and criminal charges of cover-up by Penn State leaders, including former President Graham Spanier.

"By its very design, the structure of Penn State's governance vests too much control and power in the position of university president, no matter who held that position in the past or who holds it now," Wagner, a Democrat, said in his report.

Sandusky is serving 30-60 years in a max-security prison for molesting 10 boys over a 15-year period — some in the campus football showers. **REUTERS**

Rockets land near Tel Aviv as fears rise of an all-out war

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► Israeli left-wing protesters demonstrate in Jerusalem against Israel's ongoing military operation in the Gaza Strip.

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Two rockets fired from the Gaza Strip targeted Tel Aviv on Thursday in the first attack on Israel's commercial capital in 20 years, raising the stakes in a showdown between Israel and the Palestinians that is moving toward all-out war.

Earlier, a Hamas rocket killed three Israelis north of the Gaza Strip, drawing the first blood from Israel as the Palestinian death toll rose to 16, five of them children.

Israeli warplanes bombed targets in and around Gaza city for a second day, shaking tall buildings.

In a sign of possible escalation, the armed forces spokesman said the military had received the green light to call in up to 30,000 reserve troops.

Plumes of smoke and dust furled into a sky laced with the vapor trails of outgoing rockets over the crowded city, where four young children killed on

Wednesday were buried.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Palestinian militants would pay a price for firing the missiles.

At about the same time, Israeli aircraft conducted a wave of night raids on targets throughout the enclave, unleashing more than 25 strikes in swift succession.

An electricity generator supplying the home of Hamas prime minister Ismail Haniyeh by the Gaza shore was hit by an Israeli missile.

The conflict, launched by Israel with the killing of Hamas's military chief, pours oil on the fire of a Middle East already ablaze with two years of revolution and an out-of-control civil war in Syria.

Egypt's new Islamist President Mohamed Mursi, viewed by Hamas as a protector, led a chorus of denunciation of the Israeli strikes by Palestinian allies. **REUTERS**

In the news**USPS reports \$15.9 billion annual loss**

The Postal Service posted a record net loss of \$15.9 billion in fiscal 2012, much of it due to massive payments the mail agency could not make but still must account for in financial statements.

That is more than triple its \$5.1 billion loss last year.

The USPS, which relies on the sale of stamps and other products rather than taxpayer

dollars, has been grappling for years with high costs and tumbling mail volumes as consumers communicate more online.

Postal officials have been scrambling to cut costs and boost other parts of the business, such as package delivery, but it has not been enough to stanch the losses. The USPS on Thursday repeated its call for lawmakers to quickly pass legislation overhauling the agency's business model. **REUTERS**

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In the news**BP to pay out record penalties**

BP Plc. will pay \$4.5 billion in penalties and plead guilty to felony misconduct in the Deepwater Horizon disaster, which caused the worst U.S. offshore oil spill ever.

The settlement includes a \$1.25 billion criminal fine, the largest such levy in U.S. history, the oil company said on Thursday. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder called the deal a "critical step forward" but was adamant that it did not end the government's criminal investigation of the spill.

The government also indict-



ed the two highest-ranking BP supervisors aboard the Deepwater Horizon during the disaster, charging them with 23 criminal counts, including manslaughter. **REUTERS**

Panel starts Benghazi hearings

U.S. intelligence and State Department officials testified behind closed doors on Capitol Hill on Thursday about the attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, that has turned into a contentious issue between Republicans and the administration of President Barack Obama.

Former CIA Director David Petraeus, before his resignation last week over an extramarital affair, had initially been scheduled to testify at Thursday's closed Senate and House of Representatives intelligence committee hearings, but will now be a solo witness before those panels on Friday morning. Republicans have accused the Obama administration of misinformation in the early days following the attack.

REUTERS

Opinion

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RUSHING TO THE FISCAL CLIFF EDGE

As best I can make out from the Mexico Tourism Board, cliff-diving is a highly risky pseudo-sport (like what you find on ESPN3 at two in the morning) in which the difference between the very best divers and the very worst is a few critical, and potentially fatal, feet. It is not for the faint-hearted or those with bad depth perception. These are a few reasons you rarely see cliff-divers wearing glasses — or the guy who finishes second at the next tournament.

Yet oddly, our friends in Congress seem hell-bent on bringing this questionable battle with the laws of physics to Capitol Hill. Oh sure, the fiscal cliff is a metaphor, but they are racing toward it with the boundless enthusiasm of the deranged. As the deadline looms for taxes to go suddenly up, and spending to come dramatically down, Dems and Repubs alike acknowledge that the result might be a skull-splitting smash into the economic rocks that could leave us longing for the good old days of a merely severe recession. In addition, most insist they will do whatever it takes to avoid plunging into the abyss.

But they can't resist walking up the edge and daring each other to jump, like overgrown teenagers in striped ties and Men's Warehouse suits. Ostensibly, they are just trying to finagle a better deal for their constituents. The Dems

wants higher taxes on the rich. The Repubs don't. There are a lot of finer points, but that is the first battle line.

So each side is charging forward with thinking that goes something like this: We're going to show the opposition that we are so committed to our goals that we are willing to go right over the edge if we have to!

Probably, possibly, hopefully they'll all come to their senses and make some kind of arrangement before time runs out. But for now, without even the threat of an upcoming election to wave over their heads, all voters can do is hold on tight ... and prepare to dive.

— CNN's Tom Foreman is a regular on "AC360°" / www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."

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Metro New York is the fastest-growing newspaper in the city, as well as being the most-read free daily paper, according to new figures released yesterday.

The market research company Scarborough said Metro reached 720,679 people over the age of 18 in the New York City area — a rise of more than 100,000 daily readers compared to the same period in 2011.

That represents a whopping 17 percent increase.

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The New York Times readership grew by nine percent, the New York Daily News fell by two percent and the New York Post fell by nine percent, according to Scarborough.

Metro is the most-read free daily paper in the city.

Its competitor, amNY, reached just 715,558 readers daily in the same period.

The Scarborough figures show that 52 percent of Metro's readership is female and the median age of our readers is 43. That makes us the newspaper in New York City that reaches the youngest audience. amNY's median reader age is 45, both the NY Post and the NY Times record a median figure of 48 and the New York Daily News, 49.

Nearly three-quarters of Metro's readership is aged between 21-54, with 64 per cent falling in the 18-49 age bracket, a demographic regarded as highly desirable by advertisers.

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with 63 percent having gone to college and nearly half self-described as "white collar."

Yggers Mortensen, Metro's CEO and publisher, said: "I am thrilled we took the No. 1 market position from amNY thanks to the quality of our editorial and distribution. We thank our advertisers, distributors and partners and look forward to producing the best newspaper for all our readers."

And Editor in Chief Tony Metcalf added: "Such a dramatic increase in readership is tes-

tament to the quality of the editorial content produced by Metro's journalists. We all live in, and love, our city and are able to get under the skin of the place.

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- 58% took a trip outside continental U.S. in the past 3 years
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- 24% have a dog

- 16% have a cat
- 73% use energy efficient light bulbs
- 23% buy locally grown food
- Favorite domestic beer: Blue Moon
- Favorite imported beer: Corona
- Favorite liquor: vodka
- Favorite foreign car brand: Toyota
- Favorite domestic car brand: Chevrolet
- 30% went to the movie theater in the past month
- 42% visited a casino in the past 12 months
- 1 in 10 (11%) will buy a

house, condo or co-op in the next 12 months

- 1 in 3 practice photography, 1 in 4 bowling, 1 in 8 yoga
- 37,345 will buy a motorcycle in the next 12 month — 5 times more likely than the average New Yorker
- 82% have a HDTV
- 35% had dinner in a Chinese restaurant in the past 30 days

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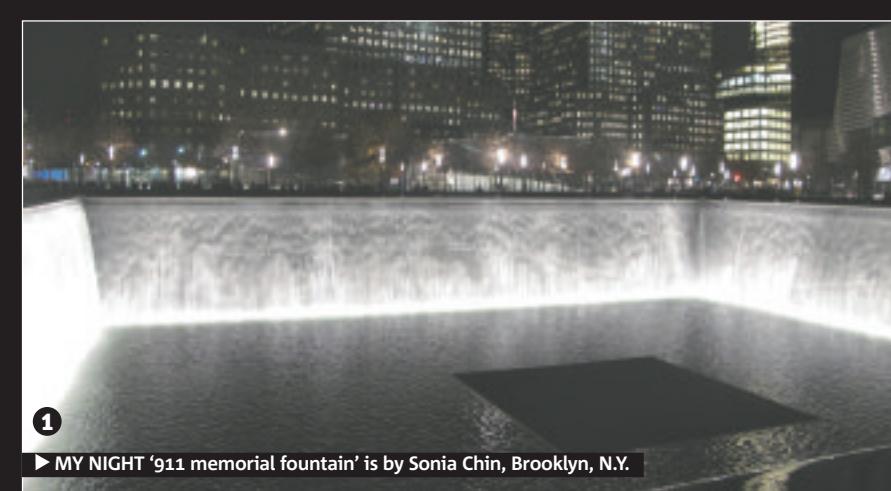
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The best images taken by Metro readers in the US

- Today we announce the US winners in the four categories in Metro's Photo Challenge
- Now they'll go forward to a global jury with the chance to win a trip-of-a-lifetime prize



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► MY NIGHT '911 memorial fountain' is by Sonia Chin, Brooklyn, N.Y.



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► MY FAVORITE 'Up Close and Personal - Camel in the Negev Desert, Israel' is by Sean Shapiro, Oreland, Penn.



3

► MY TEMPTATION 'Sonho vermelho' is by Carolina Bueno.



4

► MY COUNTRY'S BEST 'Resilience of New York City - Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy' is by Sean Shapiro, Oreland, Penn.

Today, Metro publishes the U.S. winners in our global photo challenge competition.

The event attracted thou-

sands of entries from photographers across the United States, and, based on reader input, above are the winning entries.

The four winners now go forward to a global final in their category. The ultimate winners — each of whom will

win an all-expenses-paid trip to the Greenland Photo Exhibition in April 2013 — will be announced Nov. 30.

One entrant, Sean Shapiro of Pennsylvania, ended up winning two categories. The other winners were Sonia Chin of

Brooklyn and Carolina Bueno. The competition was run in association with sponsors J&R of Park Row, New York.

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1 Log on to www.metro.us and look for the Metro Magic logo at the top left.

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Between now and Christmas, our charity partners will take toys from Metro's offices to needy families across our cities.

Many of the toys will make their way to families staying in shelters from domestic violence.

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You can access the wishlist for your city by logging on to www.metro.us and clicking on

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WEEKEND

Onstage, it's beginning to look a lot like winter



► Jessica Chastain and Dan Stevens star in "The Heiress."



► The Rockettes celebrate 85 years at Radio City Music Hall.

► From holiday spectacles to celebrities hitting the Broadway stage, here are our picks for the season's must-see new shows

Critic's picks for ...

Parents' night: 'The Heiress'

Starring: Jessica Chastain, David Strathairn, Dan Stevens

Plot: Have you ever had to choose between your own desires and those of your parents? In this slowly unfolding psychological drama, a young woman is forced to do so in late-19th century New York City. Your upbringing will undoubtedly look better to you as the heiress slowly unspools

under her father's withering parentage and the manipulative vise of her inheritance. *Through Feb. 10, www.theheiressonbroadway.com*

Kids' night: 'Cinderella'

Starring: Laura Osnes, Santino Fontana, Victoria Clark

Plot: Remember when you saw "Cinderella" on Broadway? No? Although it seems like you've seen it done before, this musical has only ever appeared on TV. At long last, the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic is hitting the big stage — and it's the perfect show for all ages. Unlike some traditionalist fam-

Holiday shows

► **'The Radio City Christmas Spectacular':** It's a big year for the line of ladies with the long legs as the Rockettes celebrate their 85th anniversary at Radio City Music Hall. This year highlights the show's most beloved numbers, plus a few new surprises. Expect high energy, nostalgia and stamina as these dancers take Christmas and kick it up a notch. *Through Dec. 30, www.achristmasstorythemusical.com*

► **'A Christmas Story The Musical':** Yes, it's just like the movie you know and, well, affectionately tolerate. If seeing it on loop Christmas Day isn't enough, now you can see it live —

and as a musical. As long as there's a song about a sexy leg lamp, we're happy.

Monday through Dec. 30, www.achristmasstorythemusical.com

► **'Elf The Musical':** You know Buddy — Buddy the Elf? Of course you do. His tale — of being an orphan who's raised at the North Pole only to return to the human world as an adult in time to spread Christmas cheer — has quickly become a staple of the holiday season. Though it can come off as more sugary than 1,000 candy canes, its overall goodwill and willingness to laugh at itself makes up for the potential toothache.

Through Jan. 6, www.elfmusical.com

ily fare (ahem, "Annie"), here you can expect new twists on the updated and reimagined story. *Opening Feb. 24, www.cinderellaonbroadway.com*

Couples' night: 'The Performers'

Starring: Alicia Silverstone, Cheyenne Jackson, Henry Winkler

Plot: Feel like a superior pairing as you and your date watch two couples begin to question themselves and deteriorate in the best environment possible for that to happen — at the Adult Film Awards. Don't worry, it's a romantic comedy; that means you can be pretty confident you'll go home with some warm fuzzies to round out the ideal Broadway date night.

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Critic's pick



Friends' night: 'Dead Accounts'

Starring: Katie Holmes, Norbert Leo Butz, Judy Greer

Plot: What brings friends together faster than griping about crazy family drama? At least when you get together to watch "Dead Accounts" — about a man who arrives home unannounced and shakes everyone up with his secrets and mysterious wads of cash — you can guiltlessly escape into someone else's dysfunction without owing hours of amateur head-shrinking over pitchers of beer, followed by awkward hugs.

Opening: Nov. 29, www.deadaccounts.onbroadway.com

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winter arts guide

Art outside an institution

► Museums may have the market cornered on pricey exhibitions, but these high-end galleries also offer world-class art to the public for viewing, free of charge

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► Cy Twombly's "Untitled (Camino Real)" is now on display at Gagosian Gallery.

Editor's pick

Cy Twombly: 'The Last Paintings'

Cy Twombly: A Survey of Photographs 1954-2011'
Now through Dec. 22nd
Gagosian Gallery
980 Madison Ave.
212-744-2313

www.gagosian.com
As an American artist known for his sprawling graffiti paintings, Cy Twombly's last works were clearly representative of his lifelong aesthetic. To accompany these large-scale paintings, the Gagosian Gallery shares a collection of about 100 photographs the artist had taken throughout his life, ranging from those shot in the 1950s to landscapes snapped in St. Barths in 2011 just before his death.

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'Eight Sculptors 2012'

Through Dec. 22
Paula Cooper Gallery
521 W. 21st St.
212-255-1105
www.paulacoopergallery.com
Featuring the work of Sanford Biggers, Sam Durant, Matias Faldbakken, Liz Glynn, Justin Matherly, Matt Sheridan Smith, Molly Smith and Rudolf Stingel, this collection curated by Paula Cooper Gallery highlights the wide range of contemporary styles within one art form.

Robert Kushner: 'New Paintings/New Collages'
Through December 22
DC Moore Gallery
535 W. 22nd St., second floor
212-247-2111
www.dcmooregallery.com
Since the 1970s, American

artist Robert Kushner has had a constantly evolving perspective on the art of decoration. Drawing inspiration from both Islamic

patterns and Japanese screens, the artist creates lush, sprawling murals that are now on display at the DC Moore Gallery.

Editor's pick

Ed Ruscha

Through December 22
Gagosian Gallery
555 W. 24th St.
212-741-1111

www.gagosian.com
Employing found objects like gunpowder, bleach and coffee and the more traditional art forms of photography, sculpture and collage, Nebraskan Ed Ruscha's obsession with books and language becomes clear in this



exhibition which also includes oil and acrylic paintings, drawings and watercolors.

winter arts guide

Hot exhibits for the cold winter months

- In between celebrating the holidays, stop in to one of these new exhibits and recharge with some culture
- Find solace in seeing 'The Scream' in the flesh

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Hall

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American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street

Suggested donation, \$19

212-769-5100

www.amnh.org

The Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Hall has reopened to commemorate the 154th anniversary of Roosevelt's birth (he's the only president to be born in New York City — represent!) with a life-size bronze sculpture of the former president as well as a new and noteworthy display about his work as a conservationist.

'George Bellows'

Through Feb. 18

The Met, 1000 Fifth Ave.

Suggested donation \$25

212-535-7710

www.metmuseum.org

The American realist painter George Bellows, who is best known for his bold depictions of gritty urban life in New York City, will get his first Met exhibit in more than 50 years this winter. The exhibit showcases more than 100 of his paintings, spanning from his early work, which focused on authentic depictions of New York City life, as well as his later offerings, such as his renowned cityscapes, portraits and war landscapes.

Edvard Munch: 'The Scream'

Through April 29

The MoMA, 11 W. 53rd St.

\$25, 212-708-9400

www.moma.org

Right off the auction block is the pastel version of Edvard Munch's "The Scream." Thanks to its new owner, it will be displayed in all of its anxious glory for the next six months at the MoMA. This version, of the four, is the last that is privately owned. The others are part of collections in Norwegian museums.



► "George Bellows," now at the Met, features some 100 works from his extensive oeuvre.

Must-see


RICKY DAY

► **'Raw/Cooked'**
Through Feb. 10
Brooklyn Museum
200 Eastern Parkway
Suggested donation \$12
718-638-5000
www.brooklynmuseum.org
Take a look at the latest exhibit in the "Raw/Cooked" series, which features work from four up-and-coming Brooklyn artists. "Rumination" is the latest on display and showcases the work of Bedford-Stuyvesant artist Duron Jackson, who uses art to explore race within American history and society.

'WWII & NYC'

Through May 27

New-York Historical Society

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'Inventing Abstraction, 1910-1925'

Dec. 23 – April 15

The MoMA, 11 W. 53rd St.

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www.moma.org
"Inventing Abstraction" showcases the evolution of abstract art, from when it was first showcased to the public in 1912 by a few renegade artists, through 1925. "Inventing Abstraction" then proceeds to show how this movement influenced other artists like Marsden Hartley and Marcel Duchamp, who used an array of media to explore different themes of this bold, new type of artwork.

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Robinson retires, Abraham arrives: It's a season for celebrating at Alvin Ailey

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Robinson, who hails from Washington, D.C., wanted to be a lawyer but got sidetracked by a full scholarship to Ailey's school. The female dancer with the longest tenure in the company's history, she has hung in for 31 years, performing and mentoring younger arrivals. The last dancer to be chosen by Ailey himself, back in 1981 she was so shy that she was passed over at her first audition.

"They said they did not see my passion," she explains. "You have to go again, and don't stand in the back!" my friends said. The second time I stood in the front and smiled really big." Since then she's traveled the world and become

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a pro at wielding a microphone, preparing kids for shows they're going to see.

She'll appear in all the performances of Ailey's classic "Revelations" during the first two weeks of the season, and also dance in his "Night Creature" at her farewell gala.

Speaking of prizes, Kyle Abraham, making his Ailey choreographic debut Dec. 5 with the world premiere of "Another Night" to Dizzy Gillespie, has just received a two-year resident commission by New York Live Arts. The grant covers salary, health insurance, studio space and a commissioning fee for new works. Now there's a Christmas present!



► Renee Robinson, inset, performs Alvin Ailey's "Revelations." She'll teach a master class on the piece at Ailey Extension Nov. 29.

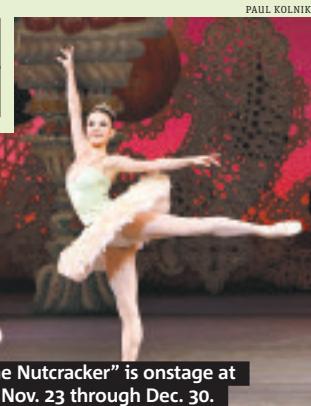
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► George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker" is onstage at the David H. Koch Theater Nov. 23 through Dec. 30.



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winter arts guide

When performance trumps choreography

Complexions Contemporary Ballet celebrates its 18th anniversary this season. Desmond Richardson, the dancer who co-founded the group with choreographer Dwight Rhoden, has left the stage, but a new crop of fine performers carries on. They're marvelously diverse, young and strong and sassy.

Rhoden celebrates the dancers' style and reveals their personalities. The troupe's Joyce season showcases a new work, "Memories," by Camille A. Brown, who blends modern technique with hip-hop phras-

Kelly Sneddon
is a member of
Complexions
Contemporary Ballet.



ing. Her duet to onstage guitarist Nick Demopoulos' improvisations is barely more than a sketch, but it harbors more authentic feeling than the hours of Rhoden's contortionate work surrounding it.

Rhoden displays his prize crop of movers in hazy light, the men bare-chested, the women wearing snug leotards, their legs bare. In his recent "The Curve," he feverishly invents new moves to a collage of sound by many musicians; the result is incoherent eye candy.

Rhoden's 2004 "Pretty Gritty Suite," to songs of Nina Simone, shows him at his best: deploying a large cast in brief variations, often with rhythmic accompaniment from both the soundtrack and the onstage performers. These artists warm us as winter arrives.

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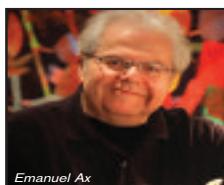


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WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 16-18, 2012

winter arts guide

Classical listings

'Xavier Montsalvatge: A Celebration in Music and Dance'

Celebrate the music of one of Spain's most brilliant prodigies, Xavier Montsalvatge (1912-2002) at this limited-engagement production at Repertorio Espanol this weekend. The program includes performances by world-renowned artists: tenor Israel Lozano, pianist Ignacio Prego, violincellist Maria Martinez and dancer Nelida Tirado.

**Friday, 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 p.m.;
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► "Xavier Montsalvatge:
A Celebration in Music
and Dance"

explores the nuances of the "fairer sex" in this one-night-only performance. The program, hosted by NYFOS artistic directors and pianists Steven Blier and Michael Barrett, will feature world premieres by composers Mark Adamo, Harold Meltzer, Carla Kihlstedt and Mohammed Fairouz. Rounding out the program will be songs by John Musto, Ned Rorem, Benjamin Britten, Arnold Schoenberg, Thea Musgrave and Judy Collins.

Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
Merkin Concert Hall
129 W. 67th St.

\$40-\$55, 646-230-8380
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Handel's 'Messiah'

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Dec. 18-Dec. 22
Avery Fisher Hall
10 Lincoln Center Plaza,
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This group of Middle Eastern musicians will perform the complete cycle of Beethoven's nine symphonies this winter. The aim of this unique group is to show how "people who listen to each other, both musically and in all other ways, can achieve greater things," says co-founder Daniel Barenboim.

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► Forever is a long time, you two.

Goodnight, ‘Twilight’

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2'
Director: Bill Condon
Cast: Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart, Taylor Lautner
Rating: PG-13
Grade: **●●●●●**

As the fifth and final film in the “Twilight” series, “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2” is a film that owns its campy charm. While all due respects are paid to the ardent fans who consumed the books with the seriousness of any respectable fanatic, there’s also a nod of admission to the ridiculousness of its premise. Whether it’s Jacob (Taylor Lautner) attempting to explain that he is now soul mates with a baby or Aro (Michael Sheen) and his impression of Dr. Evil coming just short of thoughtfully pressing a pinky finger to his pursed lips, director Bill Condon and his actors are clearly in on the joke. And the fans seem to gleefully anticipate the film’s most corniest moments. We’ve grown so used to it that we’ve come to want it to be delightfully bad.

Now, to explain a bit about the plot: We find our heroine Bella to be a newly christened vampire, having been turned by husband Edward when their human-vampire baby broke her back while in labor. Soon, the Volturi (evil overlords of

all vampires globally) are incorrectly informed that the Cullens have illegally created an immortal child. And so the Cullens assemble an international team of vamp friends to help them when the Volturi come calling.

As with the book, this random cast of new characters feels like a desperate attempt at filler, with author Stephanie Meyer likely aware of the fact that readers might be a bit tired of the plaintive gazes between her two lead characters. The special effects are as uniformly bad as they always were, which only heightens the giggle factor. The most refreshing aspect of the film may be that with her character’s transition into a vampire, Kristen Stewart is no longer playing the kind of clumsy, stuttering wuss she is always mocked for passing off as “serious acting.” Here, she is a poised adult in control of her faculties. And while we won’t give anything away, we can say that the film does deviate from the novel in a way that is entirely satisfying for even the most stringent purists.

While so many negative things have been said about all of these movies, the argument that these actors and actresses weren’t right for their parts has long been abandoned. For better or worse, the series has become a cultural icon, with all its flaws celebrated.

● HEIDI PATALANO

THE END OF ‘TWILIGHT’

► With the incredibly popular saga coming to an end, the actor talks about the new roles that he can actually sink his teeth into

Starring as Edward Cullen, the moody vampire at the center of the “Twilight” series, Robert Pattinson has achieved worldwide stardom — something that doesn’t sit well with the British actor. “I have a weird mental disorder where the only thing I can ever hear is the negative stuff,” he tells us. “It doesn’t matter how many people say anything complimentary, it’s always the negative.”

You can’t blame him. This summer, the 26 year-old was at the center of some pretty negative headlines: His girlfriend and co-star Kristen Stewart reportedly cheated on him with her “Snow White” director Rupert Sanders. Are they on? Off? Rather than obsess about it, Pattinson would rather focus on his career after this last film in the series, “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2.”

Of his fame, he says: “Maybe I feel like I don’t particularly deserve it yet, so I really want to do something worthwhile in my head and struggle for a long time.”

What drives him

As evidenced by recent choices — including David Cronenberg’s challenging “Cosmopolis,” which featured him getting a prostate exam — he’s not afraid of risk. “I signed up for a lot of stuff in the last year. I was really fixated on working with a lot of people who are kind of dangerous,” he says. “The business part of show business has really just taken a big s— on the show aspect of it, and so I think anyone who has any visibility should be trying to do something that is really, really subversive. I think it would be interesting trying to get really subversive stuff into the mainstream. You’re in the cinema not just as a consumer but as a participant.”

It’s that sensibility that led him to sign up for the lead in “Mission: Blacklist,” a film to be made in Iraq next year. “That’s probably out of any-



► Robert Pattinson poses with his onscreen daughter, played by Mackenzie Foy.

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KStew speaks

Kristen Stewart would do it all again.

► Before the “Twilight” series, Kristen Stewart was making a quiet transition from child actor to indie starlet. But the



surprise smash vampire series changed all that. And after everything that’s happened, both good and bad, would Stewart do it all over again? “Yeah, definitely. Yes,” she says emphatically.

That doesn’t mean she isn’t happy to see the franchise go.

► “I’m so happy and relieved to not have to be worrying about the characters anymore,” Stewart says. “I feel like ‘relieved’ sounds wrong, because at the same time as soon as that worry is taken off your back you definitely miss it, because it was ingrained in us for five years. There was never a time, even if we were working on a project in between, where that character wasn’t tapping you on the shoulder going, ‘You’re going to get married in three years.’”

“Yeah, definitely. I mean, I don’t know why I wouldn’t. I’ve already done five of them. It’s not like, ‘Six? I can’t do six. That’s crazy!’”

ROBERT PATTINSON, ON WHETHER OR NOT HE’D MAKE MORE TWILIGHT FILMS

body’s comfort zone,” Pattinson offers of the film, which is based on a true story. “It’s about this guy call Eric Maddox who was an Army interrogator who almost single-handedly found Saddam Hussein. No one really knows the story of it, and the story’s absolutely amazing and kind of hilarious in some ways and bizarre.”

Comfort zones

That project teams Pattinson with French director Jean-Stephane Sauvaire, who used real Liberian child soldiers for his last film. “I think that’s like his thing,” says Pattinson. “I wanted him to be in his comfort zone, so we were both pushing, saying we need to shoot this in Iraq — that’s the whole point.”

You can tell where his passions lie by the fact that, during this interview, the actor talks more about “Mission: Blacklist” than “Twilight.” But promotion for “Breaking Dawn - Part 2” must be done. The story finds his Edward and Stewart’s Bella protecting their child from killer vampires. It’s already predicted to be the highest-grossing effort in the series. And the actor is busy lining up another high-profile project, lest he lose his ability to get the riskier ones made. “This year I’m thinking I should probably try to do a movie which at least one person will see,” he says, “so I’m trying to figure that out now.”

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Right upright

You're keeping every emotion inside. Is that frustrating to play?

No, because the frustration when you're playing a part is not feeling that you're getting the right support or information from the director, and Joe [Wright] was really clear, and we talked endlessly in preparation about his repression and his severity and also his almost introspection. He's a man who thought his way through life and didn't feel. Like, he had to thaw his heart in order to understand what it was going through once this affair began and dragged him into the world of feeling, you know? There were strict rules, if you like, that I applied to myself. And when you're given such a bold and visual universe to play in, such as the one that Joe created for us, that can sometimes be very straightforward.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Law and order

► Actor Jude Law discusses his role as the deeply inhibited husband to the cheating heroine of 'Anna Karenina' ► Knuckle-cracking gets serious

In Joe Wright's imaginative take on "Anna Karenina," Jude Law turns in a career-best performance as Alexei Karenin, the cuckolded husband of Tolstoy's titular heroine (played by Keira Knightley). In our exclusive interview, Law talks to us about playing repressed.

I wanted to first of all talk about how you take on a character who's so ... I wouldn't say "repressed," but...

No, repressed is right. [Laughs] Can you give me some examples of those rules?

I liked the idea that he followed only straight lines. Everything stayed together. I tried to almost minimize use of facial expressions. I didn't want him to raise his voice. So there were

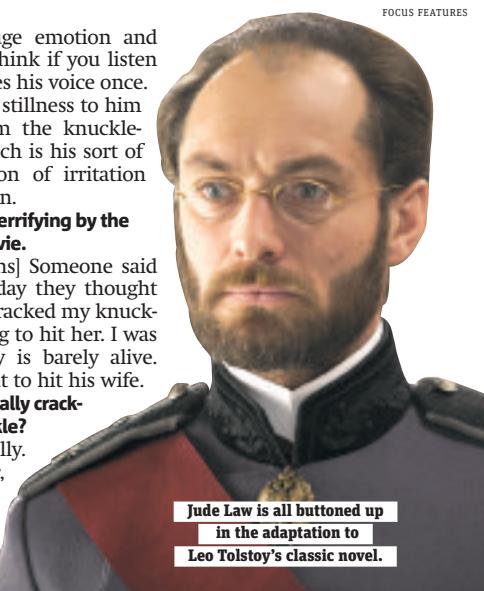
scenes of huge emotion and anger, but I think if you listen he never raises his voice once. And there's a stillness to him — apart from the knuckle-cracking, which is his sort of one expression of irritation and frustration.

That became terrifying by the end of the movie.

Did it? [Laughs] Someone said to me yesterday they thought that when I cracked my knuckles I was going to hit her. I was like, this guy is barely alive. He's not about to hit his wife.

Were you actually cracking your knuckle?

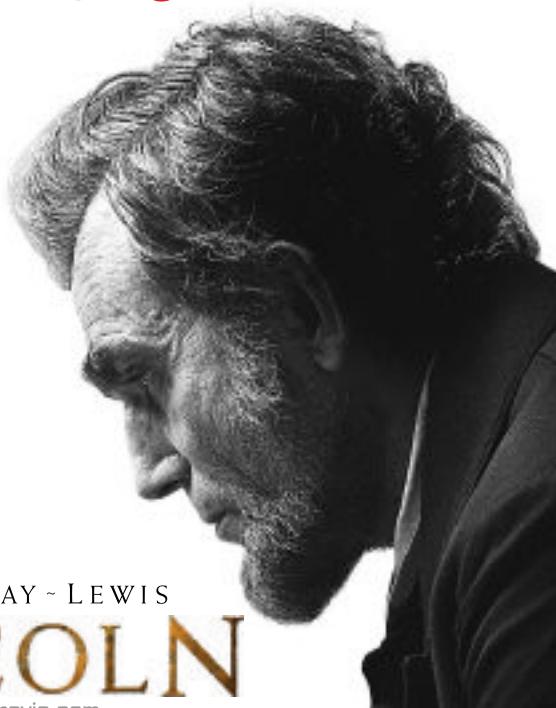
I was initially. Take four, they weren't making much noise.



Jude Law is all buttoned up in the adaptation to Leo Tolstoy's classic novel.

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'Silver Linings Playbook'

David O. Russell's adaptation of



► Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper star in "Silver Linings Playbook," which hits theaters Friday.

the Matthew Quick novel "Silver Linings Playbook" is already receiving Oscar buzz. The film stars Bradley Cooper as a man who has just left a mental institution with hopes of reuniting with his wife, but instead he meets a peculiar woman, Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), with issues of her own.

'Price Check'

This comedy starring Parker Posey tells the story of an average Joe (Eric Mabius) working at an unsuccessful supermarket who must decide between his career and his family when he's offered an executive position by his eccentric new boss (Posey). ■ OLIVIA MORROW

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Doing whatever suits him

- Schwartzman is all about solo project, for now at least
- 29-year-old on his showbiz family and on-hiatus band

Robert Schwartzman doesn't know where he is, artistically speaking. Geographically, he seems aware that he's in L.A., having just arrived home from Qatar, where he was working on a film shoot. He's about to leave for East Coast dates for his solo album, "Double Capricorn." But, artistically, the musician/actor and Rooney frontman is floating — just a bit.

"I'm figuring out what I want to do with all this stuff," he says of acting, film scoring and the pop music he continues to record. "In a good way! It's all over the place. I'm happy that it's not defined. I can play around with different things."

Schwartzman insists that his power pop project — the band known as Rooney — are not disbanded, just on hiatus.

"I think of it like marrying your high school sweetheart.



ZOEY GROSSMAN

► Robert Schwartzman plays the Studio at Webster Hall on Friday night. For more info, visit www.websterhall.com.

We were high school friends who formed a band and toured and experienced all these things together. We all reached a point where we were like, 'Let's take a second.' It seemed a healthy moment to collect ourselves."

Why not just take a break from music altogether?

"I don't know if I can; I can't get too far away from it," he says. "Now I've had all this time to look at new opportunities — I've been pursuing that. I want to keep things fresh."

Family discipline

Robert Schwartzman had acting roles in cousin Sofia Coppola's "The Virgin Suicides" and "The Princess Diaries." His uncle is Francis Ford Coppola, older bro Jason is Wes Anderson's go-to guy, their mom is actress Talia Shire ("The Godfather" and "Rocky") and his dad was a producer. Yeah, he grew up in a showbiz family.

"From a bird's eye view it looks like that ... But I was all about music and movies. I love movies and acting, when the project is right. My mother would make us watch these great movies, force us to watch, 'Clockwork Orange'-style," Schwartzman jokes. "I couldn't close my eyes for three days."

 **LINDA LABAN** linda.laban@metro.us

American Music Awards

TV watch list

The Dust Bowl

DOCUMENTARY. The dust storms that decimated U.S. farmland in the 1930s are examined in this two-part, four-hour documentary by Ken Burns. Historian accounts of walls of dirt devastating the Great Plains are made more sobering by vintage newsreel footage and interviews with survivors. Part two airs Monday, Sunday, 8 p.m., ABC

Christmas movies

The deluge of mushy Christmas movies starts early this year — and to be honest, they are hard to resist. Marilu Henner and Harry Hamlin star in

"Holiday High School Reunion" about — you guessed it — a high school reunion taking place over the holidays (Saturday, 8 p.m., Lifetime). Meanwhile, Hallmark Channel packs two new feel-good films into this weekend: "Matchmaker Santa" follows a Kris Kringle who plays Cupid to a baker unsure in her love life (Saturday, 8 p.m.) and "It's Christmas, Carol!" is an update on the Dickens classic featuring a Scrooge-y publisher visited by a former boss, played by Carrie Fisher (Sunday, 8 p.m.).

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1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30-9:30.

NATIONAL VELVET (1944) (NR)

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DIGITAL 3D (PG) Fri 3:20, 8:30.

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Digital Presentation

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EXPERIENCE (PG-13)

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The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Hurley has very helpful followers, Lance Armstrong is taking it easy, Jonah Hill is busy writing and Sarah Silverman is tired of the double standard.

@ElizabethHurley
Thanku for humidifying tips!

@lancearmstrong
Back in Austin and just layin' around...

@JonahHill
Thanks for all the 21 Jump Street love. We're working on the sequel. It's so cool to work on it knowing people dug the 1st one.

@SarahSilverman
When a woman doesn't wanna get married she's a weirdo, when a man doesn't wanna get married he's George Clooney



Elizabeth
Hurley

THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip **@dorothyatmetro** **dorothy.robinson@metro.us**

Rihanna: 'Let's get drunk!'

One thing that quickly becomes clear when riding on an airplane with **Rihanna** is that one of her favorite words is the F-word.

"Hello, f—ing 777! Who is ready for Mexico? Who is ready for tequila?" she calls over the speaker system.

That she likes to party is no secret either. She concludes her welcome greeting with a "Let's get drunk!"

The pop star then serves true bubbly from a golden bottle into plastic cups, handing them out left and right to fans and journalists when walking down the center aisle of the private jet that is taking us to seven cities in seven days. The star and her entourage sit in business class, but now she is walking past our video cameras and iPhones, a tiny figure in a black top, shades and gold jewelry. The short hair — a cut made on impulse — now has long extensions. She offers a hand to some, blows some kisses and is happy to pose for pictures. The love for her fans is genuine.

Journalists and fans from five continents and more than 30 countries are on the plane. Takeoff is two hours late and the scheduled press conference is cancelled. Rihanna seems to



► Metro goes along for the ride on Rihanna's 777 Tour.

be the only one who knows what's going to happen next.

"This is what my life looks like. You better like it," she hollers at her fans on the plane before returning to business class.

Jesper Melin, a 23-year-old plumber from Stockholm, is one of the lucky fans onboard. He was snoozing when Rihan-

na came past his seat.

"Are you asleep, baby? Here, have some champagne," she said to him.

Jesper's friend **Daniel Thunell**, a 22-year-old tinsmith, said hello to the superstar.

"It feels unreal and great. I took her hand; it was small and warm," he says.

Katarina Matsson/Metro Sweden

Miranda Lambert: Hot husband and Velveeta cheese

When we chatted up **Miranda Lambert** on Wednesday night in NYC, she didn't even know that her hubby, **Blake Shelton**, had made this year's list of People magazine's sexiest men alive. But nevertheless, she was quick to vouch for his hotness, spilling to us when she finds him at his peak of sexiness.

"I like it when he's home being country," she tells Metro. "Like when he's on his tractor, in his camo. He's a frustrated farmer at heart. He's a great 'Voice' coach, he's a great singer, but he really wants to be a farmer. He would be a farmer in the woods, in the camo all the time, being a country boy — that's when he's the hottest to me."

And since the couple served venison they hunted themselves at their wedding

last year, we had to wonder if they'd do the meat-killing for this year's Thanksgiving.

"Oh, probably not," she tells us. "We'll probably buy a roasted turkey from the store just like everybody else. My specialty is the green bean casserole: I use cream of mushroom soup and my secret ingredient is Velveeta. I know it's processed cheese and all that, but it melts."

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1: Sophie, Countess of Wessex and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge attended the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph, Whitehall on Sunday in London.

2: No whiff of gay-dad scandal here! Ashlee Simpson and

Jessica Simpson visited Macy's South Coast Plaza in support of the Jessica Simpson and Jessica Simpson Girls collections last Saturday in Costa Mesa, Calif.

3: Actors David Boreanaz and Emily Deschanel attended the L.A. City Council Chambers proclamation ceremony for Fox's "Bones" at City Hall Council Chambers last Friday in Los Angeles.

4: Robin Williams and David Steinberg laughed it up at the 2012 New York Comedy Festival at the 92nd St. Y on Sunday night.

5: Leonardo DiCaprio and Cameron Diaz attended a party to benefit UN Women and New York Cares' Sandy relief effort on Saturday in New York City.

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"We should all celebrate Thanksgiving, and we should all strive to make it great. The holiday is not always perfect. ... But it comes every year with promise and possibility, and this book is going to help you get closer to happiness and cheer than you have ever gotten in the past. Everything will be all right." **FROM "THANKSGIVING"**

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Talking turkey with

► Are you an insecure chef who is wary of cooking the big meal come Thursday? ► Give thanks that the acclaimed food writer and editor Sam Sifton has penned the new book, 'Thanksgiving: How to Cook it Well'

Sam Sifton has had one doozy of a November. As the national editor of the New York Times, he's overseen the election, Hurricane Sandy and the Petraeus scandal all in the past two weeks. And as the author of the new book "Thanksgiving: How to Cook it Well," he's also had to expound on how to handle various gravy dilemmas.

"It's a little bit like being in a centrifuge," he says about tackling his day job as well as the publication of his second book. "The last couple of weeks of going back and forth between the elections, Sandy and troubled cranberry sauce has been fascinating."

But for the purposes of this article, Sifton — who, before becoming the national editor was the Times' food critic and one-man Thanksgiving helpline for panicked readers — is talking turkey. "I wanted to lay out the basics of how to make this holiday work. I wanted to remove some of the stress that people feel cooking it, hosting it and attending it," he



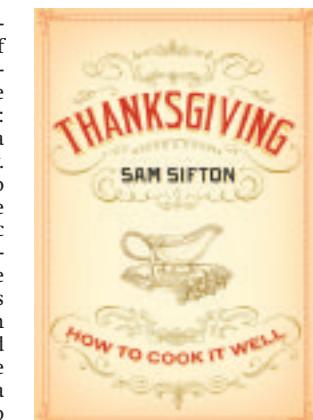
► Forget following Sifton into the kitchen. After reading the calm yet uplifting "Thanksgiving," you'd follow him into war.

ment for a traditional Thanksgiving," he notes. "The fact of the matter is people in the media always need to provide the shiny, glittery new thing: Here's a new side dish. Here's a new way to cook the turkey. The argument of my book is to say, 'Hey, whoa: Let's make the turkey right. Let's make terrific mashed potatoes. Make a perfect cranberry sauce. Declare that we can make Brussels sprouts so delicious that even the kids will eat them and cream our onions until they're perfect. You can put together a terrific Thanksgiving meal. Do not freak out.'"

Feeling uplifted? Hopeful that you can pull this off? Good. Because on Thursday, you do not want to be distracted by gifts (although "Thanksgiving" could be a good one, jokes Sifton). You do not want fireworks and radical turkeys.

For your Thanksgiving, all you should aim for, says Sifton, is to "cook it well."

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Sam Sifton

Thanksgiving recipe

Basic cranberry sauce

Cranberry sauce should be sweet but not cloying, and tart without causing pucker and anguish. It should have a jelly-like quality, but should owe more to the appearance of jam.

The key element to making cranberry sauce is to understand that cranberries are high in pectin, a carbohydrate that exists in many fruits and which is released by the berries when they are heated and the cells of the fruit break down. In the presence of sugar, which we add to cranberry sauce to offset its tanginess and acid, which is why the

berries are tangy in the first place, the pectin molecules bond to one another, forming a kind of gel. The longer you cook a cranberry sauce, the more pectin is released and liquid is evaporated, and the stiffer the result will be.

Science! Sometimes it's helpful. So is spice. Some like a clove or two added to their cranberry sauce. (I am not one of them.) Others, a whisper of ginger and a small handful of nuts, for texture. Of this, I approve.

Ingredients:

1 12-ounce bag fresh or thawed frozen cranberries
 ¾ cup sugar
 ¾ cup orange juice, preferably freshly squeezed
 Zest of orange, to taste

Directions:

1 Place cranberries in a small saucepan over medium-high

heat and pour over these the sugar and orange juice. Stir to combine.

2 Cook until sugar is entirely melted and cranberries begin to burst in the heat, four to six minutes. Stir again, add zest, and cook for two or three minutes longer, turn off heat, cover pan and allow to cool.

3 Put cranberry mixture in a serving bowl, cover and place in refrigerator until cold — at least two hours, or until you need it.

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The blue boss, same as the red boss

RE: "GOP'S FOCUS CAUSE OF WANDERING FLOCK" (METRO, NOV. 14) Letter writer Rich Brittle says "Romney received 2 million fewer votes than McCain did in 2008." When I Googled the numbers, Romney received only 800,000 votes fewer than did McCain in 2008.

More importantly, he neglects to mention that Obama received more than 7 million fewer votes now than in 2008 — which makes his argument moot.

In addition, the false assumptions that Republicans are silver spooners and Democrats are working men is simply untrue. It is what the Democrats have brainwashed you to believe. The wealthiest zip codes in America, including in New

York City and Los Angeles, are predominantly inhabited by Democrats. Obama has raised millions from N.Y. dinners that cost \$30,000 a plate. I hardly think a working man can afford that.

SHOSHANA ROSE, VIA E-MAIL

Everyone's pockets needed to make numbers add up

RE: "YOU WANTED IT — NOW YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP THE AGREEMENT" (METRO, NOV. 15)

Letter writer Barbara Miluski says that people making over \$250,000 need to stick to their agreement to let their tax rates rise after 10 (now 12) years. But why does she not think that people making under \$250,000 need to stick to the same

agreement? And is she aware that 80 percent of the benefit of the Bush tax cuts accrues to people making less than \$250,000? The only way to restore fiscal sanity is for taxes to rise for ALL Americans.

WALTER BRANSON, VIA E-MAIL

Romney's error: Just being himself

Governor Romney has been quoted as saying that President Obama won with "gifts" to blacks, Hispanics and young voters. Indeed, some voters were influenced by social programs. However, many such voters aren't black, Hispanic or young, and some don't live in large cities either. Yes, we can't afford all our social programs. But a ticket with Paul Ryan

on it was just too much for a moderate Republican like me. So, I had no choice but to vote for the president. I'm afraid the governor's comment reflects his true character. And that's at least one reason why he failed to attract a portion of the electorate who might have otherwise supported him.

WALT PETERS, VIA E-MAIL

One has to feel for Mitt Romney, surrounded by a bunch of yes-men telling him what he wanted to hear instead of what he should have heard preventing him from acting accordingly. Imagine working hard, dedicating your life to your vocation, struggling and enduring and still not getting the results desired? Now Mr. Romney knows how the other half lives, we the 47 percent — dare I say 99 percent — who work hard and still fall through the cracks. Capitalism, like life in general, offers NO GUARANTEES!

DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL

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II Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Although you might be the recipient of an interesting proposal, in order to take advantage of it you might have to disengage from a commitment.

↗ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Even though your compassionate nature urges you to make a loan to a friend who is a poor prospect, it would be better for you to follow your less generous, more pragmatic instincts.

↘ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Try not to get impatient with some friends who are not living up to your expectations. Things will get better eventually, so bite the bullet.

~~~ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. You could find yourself in a ticklish position where you'll be eager to reveal something that was told to you in strict confidence. Others will respect you more if you keep your trap shut.

↖ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. If you want to do something that is a trifle expensive and you have the money to do it, that's well and good. Just don't borrow what you don't have.

↑ Aries March 21-April 19. Although you'll expect others to live up to their words, you might not feel the necessity for you to do the same. Life should be a give-and-take situation, not a lopsided arrangement.

↘ Taurus April 20-May 20. It is more

important than usual to keep pace with your duties and responsibilities. If you should fall behind, you'll quickly discover how extremely difficult it is to catch up.

II Gemini May 21-June 20. The very people you don't count on will be the ones who are likely to step forward and support you in your endeavors. Those upon whom you usually rely might not lift a finger.

↑ Cancer June 21-July 22. It isn't advisable for you to seek advice from too many different people. Unfortunately, all that might do is make it difficult to discern the good counsel from the bad.

↗ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. If you are hawking something that requires a sales pitch, it's imperative that you know when to call a halt to your presentation. There's a chance that you could talk yourself out of a deal.

↓ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't ignore your better judgment and common sense when you are trying to make a bargain. If you pay more for something than you should, it's apt to be your fault.

⇒ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Your financial aspects are exceptionally good, making it a juicy time to do something profitable, even if you unconsciously strew your path with unnecessary obstacles.

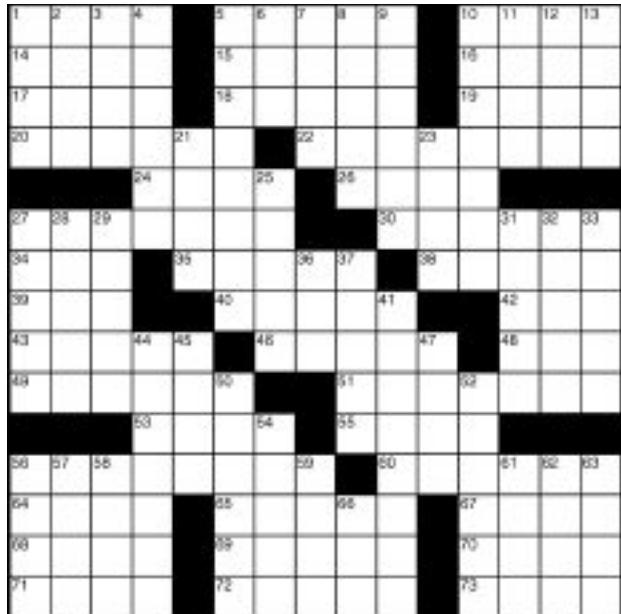
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- 19 Hay bundle
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- 27 Fan
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- 34 "The X-Files" concern
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- 49 Barrel slats
- 51 Disheartened
- 53 Famed lava spewer
- 55 Humane org.
- 56 Warm welcomes (2 wds.)
- 60 Olympic sport
- 64 Impulse
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- 69 Manuscript
- 70 Lamb's alias
- 71 Hey, you!
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Greene: Quote taken out of context

The latest fallout from an unnamed player calling Tim Tebow "terrible" has fallen on running back Shonn Greene, who is backpedaling from comments he says he didn't make to Yahoo! Sports' Mike Silver.

"You feel bad for Mark [Sanchez], but at the same time, you want to win games. We're not here to protect people's feelings. If you want to win games, you've got to try something," Greene said in the interview. "If somebody's not getting the job done, you see if somebody else can do it."

In his comments on Thursday, Greene backed off the statements that seemed to align himself with those looking for a change under center. He also said he texted Sanchez to explain himself.

"The quotes were totally out of context," Greene said. "What I said is, 'We're 3-6 and things need to change.' I never said anything about changing the quarterback or anything about any single person on this team. I've been here four years, and I've never once said anything about anybody on this team."

Silver has publicly stood by his story.

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Johnson bashes rumors

Not even Woody Johnson has a Band-Aid big enough to fix this mess.

The Jets owner waded into the fray on Thursday with pointed comments one day after an anonymous Jets player told the New York Daily News that backup quarterback Tim Tebow was "terrible."

"Let me tell you something about anonymous guys: Anonymous guys have no credibility. Anonymous people don't speak



for the New York Jets, they really don't," Johnson said.

Johnson took exception with a question suggesting the trade for Tebow was a business move. Given Tebow's broad appeal and the Jets' struggles to sell personal seat licenses and season tickets at MetLife Stadium, the move to bring in No. 15 was met with raised eyebrows by many who saw it as solely a business move.

"This I really want to clear

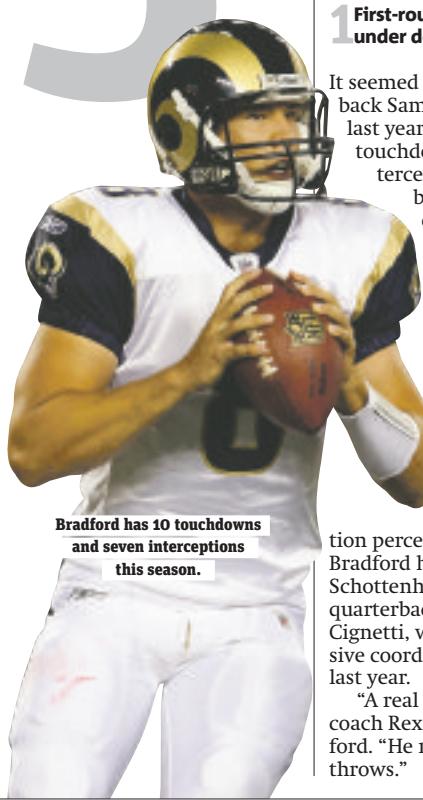
up. You guys have been accusing me [of] this phony story of me being more concerned with PSLs or cash or something else," Johnson said. "My job one, two and three is to win games. That's why I got into football to begin with. ... It's not to sell PSLs or anything else. My job is to win games. That's what I want to do. It's not to sell PSLs or to sell hot dogs. It's to win games."

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Bradford has 10 touchdowns and seven interceptions this season.

1 First-rounder still under development

It seemed like Rams quarterback Sam Bradford regressed last year, throwing six touchdowns and seven interceptions in 10 starts before missing the end of the season with a high ankle sprain. But he's returned more calm and composed.

Bradford has learned to manage the game better and to make smart throws, a major reason why he has a career-high 62.2 completion percentage this season. Bradford has benefitted from Schottenheimer and also quarterbacks coach Frank Cignetti, who was the offensive coordinator at Rutgers last year.

"A real talented guy," head coach Rex Ryan said of Bradford. "He makes all the throws."



2 Rams offense taking 'Schott' at revenge

Former Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer took a disproportionate amount of blame for the team's offensive woes last year, blame that should have been centered on the players and their lack of execution.

He's now calling the plays in St. Louis with former No. 1 pick Sam Bradford under center. The irony is that his offense is No. 26 in the league and the Jets are No. 30. So was it all Schott's fault?

Probably not, but the Jets' rushing offense is averaging 106.9 yards per game this season, a slight uptick from their 105.8 yards-per-game average last year under Schottenheimer.



3 Wait, there is a game this week?

After Wednesday's controversy, the Jets do actually play a game this week — and against a team that needs a win as badly as they do.

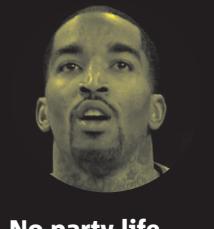
The good news for Jets fans is that, in the past, Ryan's teams have tended to fare well after arrests, controversies and distractions.

"Nobody wants to win more than we do, this football team and this week," Ryan said. "We're obviously disappointed with how things are going right now, how the season is going. We can't fix what's behind us, only fix what's in front of us."

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In the news



No party life
The Knicks are reaping the benefit of J.R. Smith this season. New York City nightclubs aren't so lucky anymore.

Smith is averaging 18.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game — all of which are well above his career averages.

Smith says one of the reasons why is because he has cut out the partying he once enjoyed.

"I'm not going to lie. The New York City nightlife pretty much got to me," Smith said on Thursday. "I was going out pretty much every other night and not focused on the task at hand."

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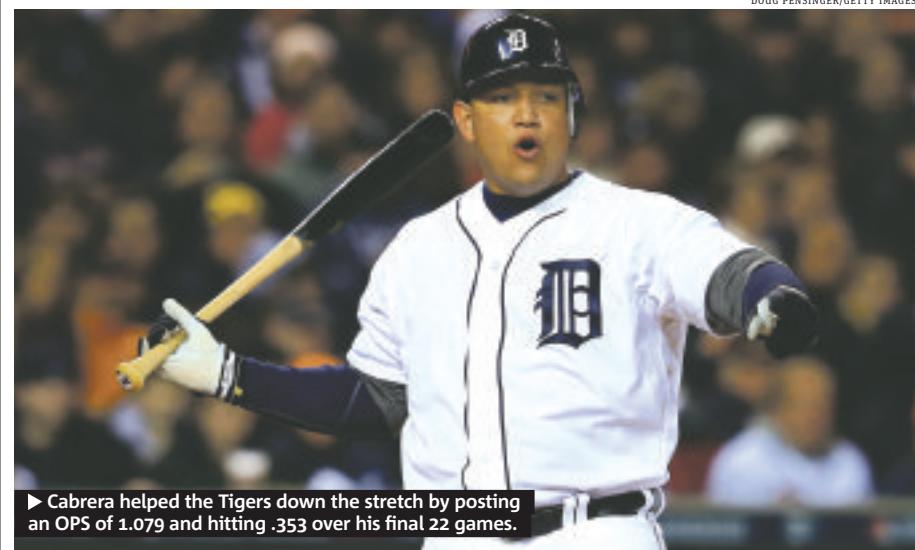
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Cabrera helped the Tigers down the stretch by posting an OPS of 1.079 and hitting .353 over his final 22 games.

Cabrera takes AL MVP, Posey wins it for NL

The AL MVP race came down to a two-man contest between Triple Crown-winner Miguel Cabrera and rookie sensation Mike Trout.

On the Cabrera side were those favoring standard offensive statistics and on the side of Trout were those focusing on advanced statistics that take into account defense and baserunning.

When the votes were counted, the Triple Crown held more weight and Cabrera was named the AL's MVP in a race that was not as close many projected.

"I'm very excited," Cabrera told MLB Network. "I don't have any words to explain how excited I am right now. I never expected to win because Mike Trout, he had an unbelievable season. I'm very surprised."

He became the first Venezuelan to win by getting 22 of 28 first-place votes.

While the race in the AL appeared to be a raging debate between two schools of thinking, Buster Posey turned out to be a clear cut winner in the NL after returning from a serious leg injury and leading the Giants to their second world championship in three years.

Posey received 27-of-32 first-place votes and 422 points overall. Ryan Braun, who led the NL in home runs, placed second.

"It's tough to put into words," Posey told the MLB Network. "I think it's an accomplishment that is shared with the whole Giants' organization."

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